*Al-Hakeem (The All Wise)*

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Decision of all issues and matters belongs only to Allah, the Lord, who knows everything, who is most gracious, and who is all wise.

“And whosoever is granted wisdom is indeed granted abundant good.” (2; 269).

**How God is Al-Hakeem (The All Wise)?**

1- The Arabic word “Hakeem” means “someone who is well experienced and whose work is perfect, i.e. faultless”. For example, if a carpenter fails to cut a piece of wood accurately, his work is not satisfactory enough. The more accurate calculations are, the better and more faultless work is.

Expensive machines are usually perfect and faultless, while bad cheap ones are full of faults and defects. In fact, accuracy and faultlessness are essential elements in good machines. This is what makes them more valuable and more expensive.

For that the word “Hakeem” means “someone who does his work most accurately and perfectly, because he knows how to calculate, measure and design perfectly well.” And God is Hakeem (All Wise) that He creates all things in perfect faultless measurements:

**إِنَّا كُلَّ شَيْءٍ خَلَقْنَاهُ بِقَدَرٍ**

(Verily, We (i.e. Allah) have created all things with due measurements) ( 54; 49)

Consider your human body: The blood that runs through your veins and arteries contains a very accurate amount of salt, 0,78%. If this very accurate amount of salt decreased, blood corpuscles would shrink and cause immediate death. If it increased, the corpuscles would burst and also cause immediate death. Who has made the ratio of salt in the human blood fixed? It is Allah, most bounteous, who makes the kidneys maintain such fixed ratio of salt in the blood!

**وَخَلَقَ كُلَّ شَيْءٍ فَقَدَّرَهُ تَقْدِيرًا**

(He has created everything and has measured it exactly according to its due measurements) (25; 2)

Thus, “Al-Hakeem” is He Who perfects all the things that He creates:

**الَّذِي خَلَقَ سَبْعَ سَمَاوَاتٍ طِبَاقًا مَا تَرَى فِي خَلْقِ الرَّحْمَنِ مِنْ تَفَاوُتٍ فَارْجِعِ الْبَصَرَ هَلْ تَرَى مِنْ فُطُورٍ**

(It is He (Allah) Who has created seven heavens, one above another; you can see no fault in the creation of the Most Gracious. Then, look again: can you see any rifts?) (67; 3)

(Verily, We created man in the best stature.) (At-Tin 95; 4)

2- “Al-Hikmah” (Wisdom) is to possess the best knowledge; and Allah’s divine knowledge is infinite, while man’s human knowledge is limited.

3- “Al-Hakeem” (All Wise) is attributed to the omniscient, Allah, Whose divine knowledge is infinite, all-embracing and free from all kinds of ignorance, imperfection or defect. No human being can ever claim to have acquired all knowledge or experience, not even doctors, engineers or scientists. They often make mistakes. But Allah, alone, is the one who is the omniscient.

4- “Al-Hakeem” (The All Wise) is He Who is far above doing things that should not be done. He does the proper thing in the proper way in the proper place and the proper time. For human beings, a wise person is someone who does the proper thing in the proper way in the proper place and the proper time. Such is a “Hakeem” (a wise person).

**Al-Hakeem (The All-Wise) in the Quran:**

The word “Hakeem” (The All Wise) is mentioned thirty-three times in the Quran with different denotations

(And if all the he sea (were ink wherewith to write), with seven seas behind it to add to its (supply), yet Allah’s Words would not be exhausted. Verily, Allah All Mighty, All Wise) (Luqman 31; 27)

(Alif Lam Ra: A Book, the Verses thereof are perfected and then elaborated from the Him (Allah), Who is All Wise, Well-Acquainted (with all things)) (Hud 11; 1)

(And had it not been for the Grace of Allah and His Mercy on you, and (had it not been that) Allah is All-Pardoning, All-Wise) (An-Nur 24; 10)

(Falsehood cannot come to it (the Quran) from before it or behind it; (it is) sent down by the All Wise One, the One Worthy of all Praise (Allah)) (Fussilat 41; 42)

(And Allah is All-Knowing, All Wise) (Al-Mumtahanah 60; 10)

**1-** Allah’s book the Quran is described as being “Hakeem” (i.e. a Book full of wisdom”. To this effect, Allah, the All Wise, says: (Alif Lam Ra’: Such are the Verses of the Book, “Al-Hakeem” (i.e. full of wisdom)) (Yunus 10; 1)

(Ya Seen. By the Quran, “Al-Hakeem” i.e. full of wisdom!) (Ya-Sin 36; 1)

(Our Lord! Send among them a Messenger from among them who shall recite unto them Your Verses and instruct them in the Book (the Quran) and wisdom (Prophetic Sunnah) and purify them. Verily, You are the All Mighty, the All Wise) (Al-Baqarah 2; 129)

**2-** Scholars of Quranic interpretation hold that whenever the word “Hikmah” (i.e. wisdom) comes together with the Quran, it means prophetic Sunnah and tradition, because the Prophet’s Hadith and Tradition are the best interpreters of the Holy Quran: (Verily, Allah conferred a great Favor upon believers when He sent to them a Messenger from among themselves, reciting unto them His Verses (the Quran), purifying them, and instructing them (in) the Book (the Quran) and wisdom (Prophetic Sunnah), while before that they had been in manifest error) (Al Imran 3; 164)

**3-** Also, “Al-Hikmah” (wisdom) should be used in the call for Allah and His religion. To this effect Allah says: (Invite to the Way of your Lord with wisdom and fair preaching and argue with them in a way that is better. Verily, your Lord knows best who has gone astray from His Path, and He is the Best Aware of those who are rightly guided) (An-Nahl 16; 125)

**4-** “Al-Hikmah” (wisdom) can also be granted to people. If Allah gave you the best woman in the world, but did not give you wisdom, you would make the worst woman of her. If He gave you enormous wealth, but did not give you wisdom, you would soon waste it and make of it a source of sorrow and regret for you on the Day of Judgment. If He gave you good health, but did not give you wisdom, you would use your health in trivialities and foolish things. And if He gave you good children, but did not give you wisdom, your own children would be the cause of your entering hell-fire.

In other words, if you lack wisdom, everything leads you to endless sorrows and losses on the day of resurrection. That is why Allah says: (He (Allah) grants wisdom to whomsoever He pleases; and he who is granted wisdom is indeed granted abundant good. But none remember except those possessed of understanding) (Al-Baqarah 2; 269)

**Man’s Share of Al-Hikmah (Wisdom)**

This Divine Name “Al-Hakeem” (The All Wise) is one of Allah’s Names that can be adopted by human beings, according to the saying that goes, “Adopt Allah’s Names and Attributes”. In other words, a true believer should be wise. And, as a true believer, he should derive his wisdom from his knowledge of Allah. This is very clear and easy. If you read and understand Allah’s book the Quran, prophetic Sunnah and tradition, and if you commit yourself to Allah and His messenger’s commands, then, you are a wise person.